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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 28 February 1969

Godfrey reported that some Scuba missiles have been placed in a Phase III alert, indicating that they are to participate in the joint Soviet/East German military exercises.

Godfrey related that the Vietnam scene is relatively quiet.

Godfrey reported that President Nixon was met by President deGaulle with no incidents reported so far. He observed, however, that Paris students may wish to match the turmoil caused by Italian students.

D/ONE noted that Estimates on ChiCom foreign policy and Peru are scheduled for USIB consideration next week. The Director again underlined the importance he attaches to the Peru Estimate.

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Carver asked the Director whether he would like to review the DMZ memorandum prior to passage to Secretary Laird. The Director noted receipt this morning of a cable from General Abrams on the DMZ and asked that Carver review it prior to meeting Secretary Laird's noon deadline. There followed a brief discussion of the Director's concern that NVN forces may cross the DMZ.

\*Maury noted that the Director is scheduled to appear on 5 March before Congressman Pike's subcommittee on the Pueblo. The Director asked that his testimony be carefully drafted in advance and asked Maury to determine the membership of the subcommittee and exactly

what is expected of him. Maury called attention to today's Washington Post article on the Pike subcommittee. The Director asked Maury to make certain it is understood that his testimony will be given in closed session.

Maury reported Congressman Rivers' tentative schedule to have the Director appear before the full House Armed Services Committee on 18 March. The Director raised his doubts that the scheduled one and one-half hours of testimony followed by one hour of questioning will allow sufficient time to handle questions from the forty Committee members.

DD/S&T reported that he delivered the data on ChiCom ICBMs to the DD/R&E and successfully took steps to avoid any unwanted newspaper publicity.

DD/S&T reported that his and DD/ONE's briefing of Senator Jackson went well and that any further information on the briefing may be obtained by tuning in Meet the Press on Sunday.

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DD/P noted that the Operations Center is in receipt of compliments from the JCS with respect to the value of recent Vietnam Situation Reports.

Executive Director reported that the FMSAC briefing for Mr. Mayo will take place at the Bureau of the Budget today. He noted that, while Mr. Mayo expressed a desire to visit the Agency for this purpose, it is probable that the number of BOB participants argued against a visit here.

Executive Director noted that he will be briefing the Brookings group today.

Executive Director noted that he will be meeting next Monday with the President's advance man.

In response to the Director's question, Godfrey reported that Golda Meir will be acting Prime Minister and that, according to an Embassy telegram, Dayan may have lost his enthusiasm for competing with Sapir and others for the position of Prime Minister in the forthcoming elections.

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\*The Director asked the DD/I to determine what topics or items of business he may have at the 4 March NSC meeting.

The Director asked whether it is true as reported in the press that the first time the ABM issue will come to a vote in Congress will be next spring.

The Director asked whether we are ready for tomorrow's breakfast with Senators Jackson and McClellan. Executive Director and Maury closed the meeting by forecasting a menu of hog hocks, scrapple, and grits.

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\*Extracted and sent to action officer

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## ***Hill Starts Pueblo Quiz On Tuesday***

A House Armed Services subcommittee will begin hearings Tuesday on the Pueblo, with Adm. Thomas H. Moorer, Chief of Naval Operations, leading off in open session.

Rep. Otis G. Pike (D-N.Y.), chairman of the special subcommittee, said in an interview yesterday that the focus will be on the national security implications of the Pueblo seizure, the command and communications gaps, and the code of conduct for American Servicemen.

Besides that, Pike said, "we are interested in more of the whys. Why the particular configuration of the ship? Who made the decision? The question of the characterization of the mission as low risk."

At the moment, there is no intention to call Cmdr. Lloyd M. Bucher or other members of the Pueblo crew. But Pike said they are welcome to testify if they request the opportunity.